

Quest® Reporter

Collect. Report. Compare. Resolve.

Quest Reporter provides automated discovery and comparison of configuration-related items to support planning, securing and auditing of your Windows infrastructure. Reporter enables IT organizations to collect, compare, report on and resolve Active Directory and Windows-based configurations which is essential for change auditing, Windows security assessments, or AD pre- and post-migration analyses. Armed with this information, organizations can quickly make strategic and tactical security decisions that involve their Active Directory and Windows environment.

Support Effective Knowledge Management and Informed Decision Making

Reporter collects, stores and reports on data from workstations, Windows servers and Active Directory. Because it gives you comprehensive, up-to-date information, Reporter helps you quickly identify and address trends and correlations.

Ensure Proactive Security, Improved Standards and Policy Compliance

Reporter inspects and reveals network occurrences, such as when unauthorized users have administrative rights, when old user accounts should have been deleted or when permissions don't comply with corporate standards. Reporter's action-enabled reporting, with its proactive approach to security, allows you to update objects directly from the Reporter user interface.

Reduce Downtime and Optimize Performance

Reporter's Configuration Baselining feature delivers faster resolution for configuration-related problems and performance setbacks. Reporter provides the information you need to compare and standardize configurations to ideal baselines, thereby reducing the cost of administration and facilitating the use of best practices for network performance.

Reduce Costs and Decrease Administrative Workload

Reporter decreases your workload by automating data collection and report generation. To minimize network impact, it allows data collection to occur as close as possible to the data source and enables off-hour scheduling of data collections. As a result, your organization can spend less time and money managing the network and dedicate more time to network improvements.

Improve Migration Planning

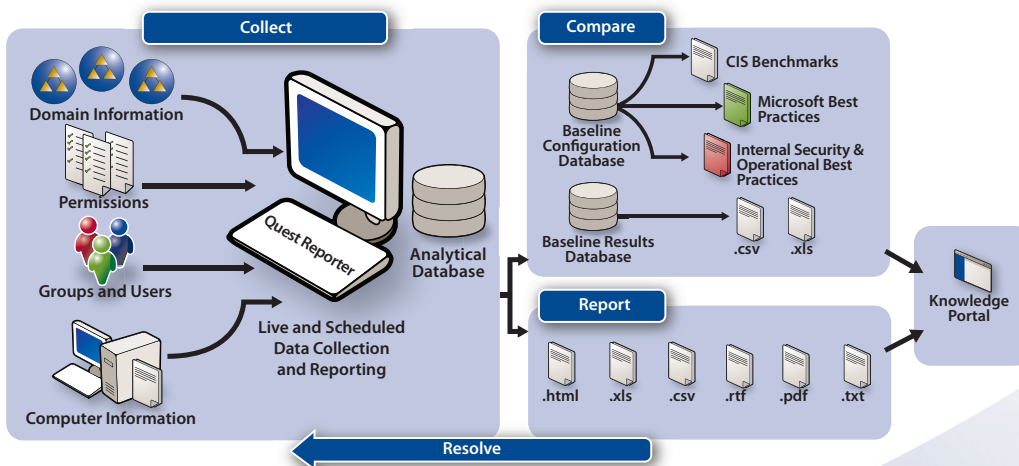
By identifying all groups, domains, computers and users, and defining their relationships, Reporter allows you to design Active Directory in a way that meets the specific needs of your organization. This produces a more relevant environment and simplifies the migration project.

"Quest Reporter has been an important product for us due to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 audit guidelines. We will be audited every year and we need to demonstrate that we have the appropriate policies in place. Reporter generates the reports we need to show compliance with our policies."

—Ken Borthwick,
Director of Technology Services
Movado

BENEFITS

- Supports effective knowledge management and informed decision making
- Ensures proactive security, improved standards and policy compliance
- Improves migration planning



Control Resource Utilization and Capital Spending

With Reporter, you can track system information in order to plan changes, assess needs and improve budgeting.

Multiple, Scalable Data Collection Methods: Delivering the flexibility you require, Reporter supports live and scheduled data collection. For large environments, Reporter uses distributed data collectors and compressed transport mode. This advanced technology is strategically deployed throughout your network to minimize bandwidth consumption and provide load balancing capabilities. Also, all of the data collectors are managed from a single console, which improves efficiency. These options ensure that you can collect the most current data available or take advantage of scheduling capabilities to minimize the impact on users and network resources.

Baseline Comparisons: With Reporter's Configuration Baselining module, organizations can perform automated comparisons of Active Directory and Windows configurations against an ideal baseline. This speeds the deployment and ongoing management of servers and reduces administrator workload.

Instant Expertise: With Reporter's Configuration Baselining module, organizations have extensive predefined rule-based templates to perform a comparison of their environment to some of the most common enterprise configuration standards, such as Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks, Microsoft Best Practices, and fully customizable to support internal and external operational practices. Thousands of rules are shipped with the product.

Change History Reports: Reporter's collection and storage algorithm was designed for change history reporting. Therefore, it is automatic and all that is required is to invoke Reporter to display the change history results. This powerful feature gives you more in-depth insight for historical analysis.

Compliance Views: Fast visualization and quick drill down into general or very specific compliant and non-compliant categories/areas is available with Reporter. Advanced filtering capabilities granularly scope compliance results to your needs.

Data Analysis and Presentation: Reporter provides more than 300 predefined, editable reports that you can output to multiple formats including Excel, PDF, CSV, RTF, HTML and via a knowledge portal. The product also empowers you to create customized reports with the flexibility to include additional attributes and leverage advanced filtering. Reporter promotes efficient, effective data analysis and helps to ensure that reporting reflects the unique informational needs of your organization.

Action-Enabled Reports: Supporting a proactive approach to security, Reporter allows you to resolve configuration problems and automate changes based on results. Pinpointing the cause of the security breach and automating appropriate change, Reporter eliminates previously manual processes and saves you valuable time.

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Now more than ever, organizations need to work smart and improve efficiency. Quest Software creates and supports smart systems management products—helping our customers solve everyday IT challenges faster and easier. Visit www.quest.com for more information.



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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Installation & Deployment Computers

- Microsoft Windows 7
- Microsoft Windows XP x86 (SP3)
- Microsoft Windows XP x64 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Vista (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2000 with MSMQ installed (RDC computers only)

Note: All computers must be members in a domain.

Note: If you have ActiveRoles installed, ensure you are using version 5.3 or later. Reporter 6.4 is not compatible with earlier versions of ActiveRoles.

Configuration Check Computers

- Microsoft Windows 7
- Microsoft Windows XP x86 (SP3)
- Microsoft Windows XP x64 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Vista (SP1)
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advanced Server (SP4)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2

Collection Computers

- Microsoft Windows 7
- Microsoft Windows XP x86 (SP3)
- Microsoft Windows XP x64 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Vista (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advanced Server (SP4)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 R2
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 (SP2)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2
- NetApp Filer - Data ONTAP 7.3.1

Additional Software

- Supported database servers: SQL Server 2005(SP3), SQL Server Express 2005(SP3), SQL Server 2008(SP1), SQL Server Express 2008(SP1)
- For compressed data transport mode on Windows 2000 computers: MSMQ 2.0 or later in workgroup mode, Independent client setup
- Microsoft Data Access Control (MDAC) 2.8 (SP1) or SQL Server Admin Tools
- NET Framework 2.0 or later
- MMC 3.0
- Quest Authentication Services 3.5.2 (if using QAS reporting)
- Microsoft Office Excel 2000 or later (if saving the report output as a Microsoft spreadsheet)
- For Windows XP, full Reporter console functionality under the Active Directory node requires the installation of Windows Server 2003 Administration Tools Pack
- For Windows Server 2008, full Reporter console functionality under the Active Directory node requires the installation of Remote Server Administration Tools

